GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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Production of Cotton
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimates made by Cotton Association of India for the production of cotton in the country for the 2016-17 season began from October 1; and

(b) the estimates made by Central Institute of Cotton Research for the production of cotton for same season?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a): In the Cotton Advisory Board (CAB) meeting held on 24.10.2016, Cotton Association of India, an industry body had estimated the cotton production in the country for the 2016-17 season began from October 1 at 345 lakh bales.

(b): As per the internal assessment made by the Central Institute of Cotton Research (CICR) an institution under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in August 2016, based on the rainfall patterns in Gujarat and other cotton growing states and also the predicted pest infestation, the cotton area was predicted to reach 105 lakh hectares and production was estimated at 300-310 lakh bales. However, late rains received in central India in the month of October along with effective control of whitefly in north India and pink bollworms control in Gujarat during October-December through sustained campaigns conducted by ICAR-CICR, CICR has conveyed that the yields are likely to be 5-10% higher than their estimates.

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